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Todenhöfer: Interview With Al-Nusra Commander "The Americans stand on our side"

This interview by [Jürgen Todenhöfer](#) was first [published in German](#) on September 26 2016 by the [Kölner Stadtanzeiger](#), the major newspaper in the Cologne region. (The interview was copied and translated to English by Bernhard for educational and academic purposes.)

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By Jürgen Todenhöfer

It was the seventh trip by my son Frederic and me to the civil war country Syria. We were there for 13 days. Words can only barely describe the extend of damage and suffering on both sides.

We conducted the interview ten days ago with a commander of the al-Qaida branch "Jabhat al-Nusra". Abu al-Ezz reported quite openly about his financiers Saudi-Arabia, Qatar and Kuwait. We were able to exactly research the identity of the man and know practically everything about him.

Interview in the stone quarry in Aleppo

The interview was arranged by a rebel from Aleppo. I have had contacts to Syrian rebels for years. It was conducted outside of Aleppo in a quarry in direct sight- and shooting-distance of Jabhat al-Nusra and could only be reached safely by a member of al-Nusra.

His fighters were partially not masked, i.e. easily identifiable. Part of his statements were nearly verbally confirmed shortly thereafter by a mufti in Aleppo. Other assertions about the lack of interest of rebels towards a ceasefire and an international aid-convoy also bore out. Just like his predictions about planned military activities in several cities of Syria.



Abu al-Ezz, commander, says about Jabhat al-Nusra (al-Qaeda): "We are one part of al-Qaeda. Our principles are: Fighting vice, pureness and security. Our affairs and our way have changed. Israel, for example, is now supporting us, because Israel is at war with Syria and with Hizbullah.

America also changed its opinion about us. Originally "IS" and us were one group. But "IS" was used in the interests of big states like America, for political reasons, and was steered away from our principles. It became clear to us that most of their leaders work with secret security services. We, Jabhat al-Nusra, have our own way. In the past they with us, they were our supporters.

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Part 2 - The Interview by Jürgen Todenhöfer with the rebel commander Abu al-Ezz

Jürgen Todenhöfer: How is the relation between you and the United States? Does the U.S. support the rebels?

Abu al-Ezz: Yes, the U.S. support the opposition, but not directly. They support the countries which support us. But we are not yet satisfied with this support. They should support us with highly developed weapons. We have won battles thanks to the "TOW" missiles. We reached a balance with the regime through these missiles. We received the tanks from Libya through Turkey. Also the "BMs" - multiple rocket launchers. The regime excels us only with their fighter jets, missiles and missile launchers. We captured a share of its missile launchers and a large share came from abroad. But it is through the American "TOW" that we have the situation in some regions under control.

To whom did the U.S. hand those missiles before they were brought to you? Were those missiles first given to the Free Syrian Army by the U.S. and from there to you?

No, the missiles were give directly to us. They were delivered to a certain group. When the "road" was closed and we were besieged we had officers here from Turkey, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Israel and the United States.

What did those officers do?

Experts! Experts for the use of satellites, missiles, reconnaissance work, thermal surveillance cameras ...

Were there also American experts?

Yes, experts from several countries.

Including Americans?

Yes. The Americans are on our side, but not as it should be. For example we were told: We must capture and conquer "Battalion 47". Saudi Arabia gave us 500 million Syrian pounds. For taking the "al-Muslimiya" infantry school years ago we received from Kuwait 1.5 million Kuwaiti dinar and from Saudi Arabia 5 million U.S. dollars.

From the governments or from private persons?

From the governments.

The fight is difficult, the regime is strong and it has support from Russia ...?

We will fight until the downfall of the regime. We will fight Russia and the West because the West does not stand on our side. The West only sends us mujahedin, it facilitates the way of those fighters. Why doesn't the West support us properly? We have many fighters from Germany, France, Great Britain, America, from all western countries.

You have many fighters from Europe in Aleppo with the "al-Nusra front"?

Many, many, many!

How many?

Many.

What do you think about the ceasefire?

We do not recognize the ceasefire. We will reposition our groups. We will undertake in the next, in a few days an overwhelming attack against the regime. We have rearranged all our armed forces in all provinces, in Homs, Aleppo, Idlib and Hama.

You do not want those 40 trucks with aid supplies to bring those into the eastern part of Aleppo?

We have demands. As long as the regime is positioned along Castello road, in al-Malah and in the northern areas we will not let those trucks pass. The regime must retreat from all areas in order for us to let the trucks pass. If a truck comes in despite that, we will arrest the driver.

Why did a few of your groups pull back a kilometer or 500 meters from the Castello road?

The regime used highly developed weapons against us. We received a backlash. That is why we silently retreated, to recover and to attack the regime anew. But this attack must lead to the downfall of the regime.

So that was a trick, a military tactic?

Yes, it was a military tactic.

Was the aim of this tactic to receive food or the reallocation of fighters?

We did not agree to the ceasefire.

Does that hold only for the al-Nusra Front or for all other groups, the rest of your allies?

The applies to all our integrated groups, who are our allies.

Islamic Front, Islamic Army?

They are all with us. We are all the al-Nusra Front. A groups is created and calls itself "Islamic Army", or "Fateh al-Sham". Each group has its own name but their believe is homogeneous. The general name is al-Nusra Front. One person has, for example, 2,000 fighters. Then het creates from these a new group and calls it "Ahrar al-Sham". Brothers, who's believe, thoughts and aims are identical to those of al-Nusra Front.

Is that your own opinion or also the opinion of higher management levels?

That is the general opinion. But if someone comes to you and makes you a 'moderate fighter' and offers you to eat and to drink, will you accept that or not?

450,000 people were killed in this war. I have been to Aleppo and Homs. Many parts are destroyed. If the war continues the whole country will be destroyed. Millions will die. ... In Germany we once had the 'Thirty Years' War' ...

We are now only 5 years at war, that is comparatively short!

Would you accept someone from the Assad-regime within a transitional government?

We accept no one from the Assad-regime or from the Free Syrian Army, which is called moderate. Our aim is the downfall of the regime and the founding of an Islamic state according to the Islamic sharia.

The people of Aloush, who traveled to Geneva for negotiations, accepted a transitional government.

There are Syrian mercenaries. Aloush fights with the al-Nusra Front. The groups Turkey houses and from which the Free Syrian Army was created have earlier been with al-Nusra Front. These people are weak people, they received a lot of money, they sold themselves. They must follow the orders of their sponsors.

The "Islamic Army and the "ISlamic Front" negotiate in Geneva

Because their leaders were produced in the West. They are counseled and paid by western secret services and the secret services of the Gulf states to fulfill the aims of those countries.

We are here at the most forward observation point of the Sheik Said area. This are is under our control. Behind those houses and al-Majbal are regime soldiers. Our armed forces are 200 meters from here.

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You can read the [original German version](#) of the interview at the *Kölner Stadtanzeiger*

Posted by b on September 26, 2016 at 11:33 UTC | [Permalink](#)

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Also published today - an interview by ZEYNEP YÜNCÜLER for the Turkish Birgun Daily with an Islamic State member in Istanbul:

[An ISIL member in İstanbul](#)

A tradesman in İstanbul Al Mohammed Al Kurdi is an ISIL member who has recently returned from Syria, where he had got wounded. El Kurdi shares striking claims with BirGün.

Al Kurdi also adds the following comments about their reason to withdraw from Jarabulus: "Be it in Jarabulus or Al-Rai, ISIL and Turkish merchants, along with merchants coming from Iran, are having a bargaining over the oil there. It would have been sold to Turkish merchants: so, we did not want this border to go into the hands of YPG. It has been deemed better for the border to be handled by FSA and Turkey. Since we already knew that Turkey was to fight against YPG, it was not difficult for us to withdraw from there."

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Posted by: [b](#) | Sep 26 2016 11:43 utc | [1](#)

How telling. If this article has no impact on Germans, nothing will do.

Posted by: Jean | Sep 26 2016 12:27 utc | [2](#)

In a translation of Magnier's recent Er Rai article

"Kaynaklara göre Rusya, ABD'nin istediği "Suriye uçakları uçmasın" talebini reddetti ..." - According to sources, Russia refused US demands that "Syrian planes not fly".

<http://www.sol.org.tr/dunya/rusya-suriyenin-bolunmesini-kabullenecek-mi-170269>

This ties in very neatly with the interviewees claim that "The regime excels us only with their fighter jets"

The US still trying to aid Al Nusrah.

Posted by: AtaBrit | Sep 26 2016 12:37 utc | [3](#)

BREAKING: Syrian Intelligence Has Audio of Daesh Terrorists Talks With US Military Prior to Coalition Strike on Deir ez-Zor

<https://m.sputniknews.com/middleeast/20160926/1045706456/us-airstrike-daesh-army.html>

Posted by: xLemming | Sep 26 2016 12:47 utc | [4](#)

Jean@2 - "...If this article has no impact on Germans, nothing will do..."

I have no special insight on German's thinking, but I can't believe the average German thinks about this much different than the average American.

Remember the Syrian Arab Rec Cross convoy attack picture of some cardboard boxes of aid in a warehouse (supposedly) hit by a bomb? That was boxes of little bottles of lice shampoo.

The average German, like the average American, will not fully understand the extent of the chaos and suffering the U.S. has created in Syria and the Middle East until the day they are lined up at a German (or American) Red Cross aid center begging for bottles of lice shampoo for their own families. How high is real, actual unemployment in Germany among the twenty-something year olds? Homelessness isn't nearly as bad as in America - yet. That will change. How many refugees from U.S. wars has Germany taken in now - a million? So unemployed Germans are somehow magically creating tax dollars for aid to refugees that are taking the poorest-paying jobs away from

them? Yeah - that's not going to go well. Deutsch Bank won't be bailed out by the Germans because it's impossible (Merkel isn't leading here - she's stating the obvious). This isn't a slam on the Germans. America will beat them to the bottom ('cause we're exceptional).

It will take decent, hard working formerly middle-class Germans and Americans lining up for lice shampoo from their government overlords before they 'get it'. It will, of course, be far too late by then.

Posted by: PavewayIV | Sep 26 2016 13:13 utc | [5](#)

@AtaBrit - latest English translation of a Elijah Magnier piece is here:
[The mistrust between Washington and Moscow portends a long war](#)

Posted by: [b](#) | Sep 26 2016 13:14 utc | [6](#)

@all - Note: I tried to keep the translation very close to the German original. If there are typos, errors or wrongly used phrases please leave a comment.

Posted by: [b](#) | Sep 26 2016 13:21 utc | [7](#)

This is not really a surprise, b, but it is startling to see it all so matter-of-factly stated and printed in black and white. This is certainly the kind of information that US/UK are trying so desperately to overshadow with their now [unrelenting demonization of the Syrians and Russians](#) and their frenzied 2-minute hates.

I don't think they'll be able to touch this, or to be heard even, in its aftermath.

Posted by: jfl | Sep 26 2016 13:24 utc | [8](#)

I am sorry for reposting my long comment from the previous thread, but this is directly related to the alleged "officers from Turkey, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Israel and the United States" supporting al-Nusra Front in the battle for Aleppo.

Dan asks [at 80](#):

Anybody here find any confirmation of the rather scattered reports of a Russian missile attack on a control centre in Aleppo?

Yes, on August 19th the Russian MoD announced that they had fired three Kalibr missiles from ships in the Eastern Mediterranean. Their [video](#) shows a direct hit on a command centre and a terrorist base in Syria. [Also hit](#) was a plant manufacturing mortar munitions. Both *Sputnik* and *RT* published stories on the strike, Sputnik titles theirs as [Russian Warships Launch Cruise Missiles on al-Nusra Front Targets in Syria](#). According to Sputnik the terrorist command center was in Dar-Taaza (also transliterated as Dar Ezza of Daaret 'Izza).

As to why Western intelligence agents would set up their terrorist command center in Darat Izza near Mount Simon, read [this long comment](#) by PavewayIV.

I think it started as a Sputnik article and then got picked up by Fars and a few others.

Yes, Sputnik Arabic published this on September 20th:

[صواريخ "كالبر" استهدفت قيادات عسكرية أجنبية في ديرة عزة بمحافظة حلب](#)

According to the source [in the] field in the province of Aleppo, that the three rockets from Caliber kind launched by the Russian ships that **recently targeted** operations room for terrorists in Dera Izzat west of Aleppo in the Mount Simon, which is famous for the harsh nature of the mountainous and contains ancient caves area.

The source for "Sputnik", the operations room with 30 leading officers of the Turkish and the US and Saudi Arabia and Qatar and the British army and the Mossad, running terrorist operations in Aleppo and Idlib. (via Google translate)

It is quite likely that Western or GCC terrorist handlers were killed in this operation, or at least wounded. I have no idea how many and from what country.

Note, that Sputnik does not say the attack happened on the week of September 20th. August 19th is still "recently", especially considering how slowly rumors of secret operations are spread: someone heard that someone heard that...

They claimed over 30 Western intelligence agents were killed, and yet not a whisper in MSM.

Publishing the story now may be revenge for the U.S. attack on the SAA in Deir Ezzor. At least it helps save face in the Arab world.

Stories like this are a total taboo in the Western and English language media. In October 2015 [I noticed](#) that Facebook was "soft censoring" some of the videos the Russian MoD had posted on YouTube. Most notably [a video](#) titled "*Su-24M bomber hits an ammunition depot in the mountain area in the district of Jisr al-Shughur*". My conclusion was that an American citizen had died in this strike. The censorship was the US' silent confirmation and warning to Russia.

Posted by: [Petri Krohn](#) | Sep 26 2016 13:34 utc | [9](#)

To put it simply there are two coalitions in Syria.

The US-led coalition (the US, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Israel, NATO, AIPAC, ISIS, Al Qaeda, FSA) that wants to completely destroy and divide this country.

The Russian-led coalition (Russia, Iran, Hezbollah, Palestinians, Syrian government and SAA) that wants to protect this country and preserve its territorial integrity.

Posted by: hmmm | Sep 26 2016 13:43 utc | [10](#)

Posted by: PavewayIV | Sep 26, 2016 9:13:13 AM | 5

It does not really work this way. German demographics mean that there is hardly any youth unemployment and very low unemployment generally. Germany has become the export champion of the world (which is madness), where I live you meet loads of Indian computer specialists who definitively are not refugees. This on top of outsourcing engineering wherever it is possible.

The refugees need bureaucracy, housing, education, social work, if Germany is serious to integrate them (and they are), lots of businesses will thrive on this before refugees find jobs themselves.

Posted by: somebody | Sep 26 2016 13:43 utc | [11](#)

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What is The Donald's position on the IL-KSA-QT-KW oil war in Syria? He wants to send 10,000 more US troops into The Sandbox and 'Destroy ISIS'.

What is The Hag's position on the IL-KSA-QT-KW oil war in Syria? She facilitates it.

This issue will not be discussed in the Monday debate. Instead, both sides will conflate the increase in gun deaths as 'domestic terrorism', as a need for their \$T DoD-NSA-DHS National Police Superstate and massive IDIQNB prison program. They dashboard the stats daily. They mensurate the inexorable bleedout of Americans. They create the cognitive dissonance and stress positioning needed to perpetuate the One Party: Mil.Gov.Fed.Biz.

A mob of ravens. A mob of ravens. Vote Red, vote Blue, you vote the mob of ravens.

Posted by: TheRealDonald | Sep 26 2016 13:45 utc | [12](#)

" Our aim is the conduct of conquests, like [the great Arab general] Khaled ibn al-Walid made them. First in the Arab world **and then in Europe.**" (emphasis mine)

Oh, the US war mongers must be so proud of themselves, to have such allies! I hope Trump calls out these deals with the Devil(s), on his debates with Clinton. She of the tremendous "foreign policy experience."

Posted by: [metamars](#) | Sep 26 2016 13:49 utc | [13](#)

Part 1. 'Our principles are: Fighting vice, pureness and security.' These Arab Muslims of al Qaeda, al Nusra ... fighting and killing other Arabs and Muslims, and taking funds, weapons, guidance, and foreign fighters from the US and Israel to do so. Unbelievable. You can't realize it - dole out living breathing reality to it, watch it walk and talk - until an interview like this.

Posted by: jfl | Sep 26 2016 13:59 utc | [14](#)

@ b | 1

The BirGün article is excellent. It illustrates again that a) Turkey's borders are as porous as ever to all but refugees, and b) Turkey's actions in Syria are far from independent. (Also, gives the lie to the 'Biden snub' show.)

Posted by: AtaBrit | Sep 26 2016 13:59 utc | [15](#)

[Todenhöfer was certainly fed something](#)

It is not necessarily the truth. Todenhöfer does not speak Arabic. He is in no position to fact check.

Todenhöfer used to be a German right-winger talking to Pinochet, the Taliban and now ISIS and Al Nusra. He has argued for reconciliation in Iraq with the Baath party. He also did an interview with [Assad - in English](#).

Posted by: somebody | Sep 26 2016 14:09 utc | [16](#)

Thanks for spending the time necessary to translate to English, b. There's no need to lose any sleep over the quality. The substance of the impression it leaves on anyone reading it is crystal-clear.

The most interesting aspect of Todenhöfer's contribution to the debate is the extreme unlikelihood that it contains any info at all which is new to Russia/Syria; which in turn explains the recently-expressed Russian view that Victory for Syria won't be quick (which, imo, means what Russia, not AmeriKKKa, wants it to mean).

It remains to be seen how much longer the Yankees will persist in believing their own, and Bibi's, delusions about Syria.

Posted by: Hoarsewhisperer | Sep 26 2016 14:11 utc | [17](#)

re 9 and Petri's post on the Kalibr cruise missiles on Darat 'Izza. I think I already mentioned it, but there may be a somewhat more innocent explanation of what happened, though it was obviously a target of importance.

The problem is of course that Kalibr cruise missiles are very expensive, even if highly accurate, and wouldn't be used on a minor target. There may have been some "upgrading" of the target in the media.

Why? Well, Darat 'Izza is very close to Qal'at Sam'an. QS is the site of the remains of the celebrated pilgrimage church round the column of St Simeon Stylites, the saint who sat on the column in the 5th century. Very highly esteemed in the Orthodox world. Putin is religious. I'm sure some metropolitan got at him and demanded that Russia use its most accurate weaponry, to avoid damaging the holy site. Or he thought of it himself. I could easily imagine it happening.

I sort of had confirmation this morning, in one of my other feeds, [an article from Iszvestia](#), announcing a Russian archaeological expedition to check damage to monuments, including particularly Qal'at Sam'an! Note that QS is not in the hands of the Russians/Syrians, but of Nusra. So quite how this mission is going to take place before the fall of Aleppo, I don't quite know. But it shows a particular concern on the part of the Russians.

Posted by: Laguerre | Sep 26 2016 14:18 utc | [18](#)

re 16

Todenhöfer was certainly fed something. It is not necessarily the truth.

Sounded OK to me. I couldn't see anything improbable; it's how a Nusra leader would talk, isn't it?

Posted by: Laguerre | Sep 26 2016 14:26 utc | [19](#)

@ b | 6
Cheers b.

Posted by: AtaBrit | Sep 26 2016 14:26 utc | [20](#)

Well the owners of Raytheon shares, the makers of 'TOW' missiles will be having an extra drink at their Wall Street watering hole on this 'good' news. And while this article is another confirmation of what we have long known it really doesn't change the facts as they are which is this has been a battle between the U.S. - Central bankers and the Resistance Bloc all along. At stake is the Federal Reserve Note - 'petro dollar' as the world reserve currency and a unipolar world under the Bank of International Settlements debt-money institutionalized fraud looting system versus a multi-polar world using any means of settling trade, from barter to any mutually acceptable currency device, between consenting parties. Syria, Iran and now destroyed Libya are/were not members of the BIS system. Libya, under Gaddafi, was a direct challenger to the BIS with his backing of the idea of a gold backed Dinar to be used by an African Union. No doubt befriended behind the scenes by the Resistance Bloc, sealing his death warrant. "Control money and you can control the world" H. Kissinger.

Posted by: [BRF](#) | Sep 26 2016 14:29 utc | [21](#)

12; Well, as IsUS claims the west as its enemy, why would the Donald be wrong in eliminating, or at least diminishing them?

He can do a hell of a lot by just informing the Saudis and GS that the jig is up, stop the BS.

The Hell Bitch has no such intentions, as she is Israel's bitch.

And yes, this stuff hopefully will be brought up by Trump, and hopefully he'll shine a light on the Turk killing Americans, as the MSM certainly has no intention. No terror connection, says the poohbahs. Sheesh.

The only mention was in the Graun.

Posted by: dahoit | Sep 26 2016 14:32 utc | [22](#)

the worst of islam

Posted by: brian | Sep 26 2016 14:35 utc | [23](#)

Abu al-Ezz is he syrian?

Posted by: brian | Sep 26 2016 14:36 utc | [24](#)

'Our aim is the downfall of the dictatorial regime, the tyrannical regime, the regime of the apostate. Our aim is the conduct of conquests, like [the great Arab general] Khaled ibn al-Walid made them. First in the Arab world and then in Europe;'

and what is the islamic state if not a dictatorial regime, the tyrannical regime

Posted by: brian | Sep 26 2016 14:37 utc | [25](#)

b,

Excellent piece.

Not that dun believes you. If I pass on what you wrote here to an average person on the streets they will think I'm a mad old man. If I told this to a fren, acquaintance or someone who regularly watch the evening news or surf the web, again they will think I'm really, really mad. It's conspiracy theory.

Who will believe our government really conspired behind our back, using freedom of speech, democracy and human rights for regime change? End results hundred of thousands deaths, and millions displaced refugees from all parts of the world not only from Syria. Shaking head disbelieve??

Posted by: Jack Smith | Sep 26 2016 14:39 utc | [26](#)

I'm sorry, I guess, for repeating myself but maybe I wouldn't do that if Russia didn't keep repeating itself?

There's really nothing is new in this report, right? It's been clear pretty much from the beginning of the Syria war that the US was directly and indirectly supporting the terrorists. Calling terrorists "moderates" means no more today than calling them "freedom fighters" meant in the eighties, but it seems American political memories are short.

Calling the war in Syria a civil war is pretty much a total lie. It is a proxy war. Proxy wars have been the bread and butter of US foreign policy for decades. Are there local factions involved? Of course there are. Every country has local factions. Imagine what would happen in America, let's say, if some of the right wing militia were given plentiful moneys, supplies, weapons, media support and diplomatic cover by a coalition of countries much more powerful than the US. How long would it take for America to have a 'civil war'? Not long I think.

So once again, right in the middle of the Syrian army's key offensive of the war possibly, the Aleppo offensive, Russia appears to be making a new peace deal with the US - this time with enhanced sharing of Russian flight information - or so I read!!! Is it not more and more and more clear that Russia is playing both sides in this war? Can you believe that they want to share flight information with the folks who are supporting and advising the terrorists that Russia is supposedly fighting?! That's crazy. Or is it crazy like a fox?

Maybe Putin isn't playing 12th dimensional chess, as his apologists seem to think. Maybe he's playing thug checkers. He wants to be in on the final carve-up - maybe even to preside over it. What better way to do that? The Russian hand on Assad's back must be feeling less and less friendly.

But no, you folks are right. I should go over to Saker and open my mind to his hypnotic apologetics, right? Anything else would be, horrors, conspiracy theory!!

Well, like I said, I'll stop repeating myself when Russia stops repeating itself. Ok?

Posted by: paul | Sep 26 2016 14:54 utc | [27](#)

More....

You will never find what you wrote here on the on the web, unless you know where to find it. Every MSM just stenography and relay exactly the opposite from Guardian, Reuters, BBC, Bloomberg, CNN, ABC, MSNBC, PBS, Yahoo, Google....Not even TRNN!

I watch **RT live** 7/24 from my laptops, if I deviate and searches the web, exactly the opposite what you wrote.

It's Putin, Assad's regime the bad guys.

Posted by: Jack Smith | Sep 26 2016 14:55 utc | [28](#)

Posted by: Laguerre | Sep 26, 2016 10:26:19 AM | 19

You and me knowing loads of Nusra leaders :-))

I am just thinking that if I was a Nusra leader who used to get his stuff via Turkey and read this [AP text of the cease fire deal](#) agreeing to separate Nusra/ISIS from rebels and finishing them off in coordination with Russia I would fear my members might think it a good idea to give up fighting and start talking to Assad's troops. So I would let it known that the US have my back whatever they might tell to Russia.

Posted by: somebody | Sep 26 2016 14:59 utc | [29](#)

The most interesting part of the interview (to me at least) is the fact that it was published in a major newspaper.

Honestly though, I think it's late in the game for something like this. Russia has declared 'no more unilateral ceasefires' and Syria vows to give up 'not one inch of territory'. We're seeing the result of this playing out now in Aleppo.

Russia has succeeded in drawing out the lies and complicity of the US as much as is possible, much like bringing a boil to a head. Nothing to be gained by letting it fester even more. Time to lance it.

Posted by: woogs | Sep 26 2016 15:04 utc | [30](#)

Posted by: woogs | Sep 26, 2016 11:04:49 AM | 29

Todenhöfer has loads of political and media contacts in Germany, and he writes bestselling books. He was born in 1940 ie. lived the war as a kid, his pacifism is genuine. He gets his spectacular interviews by accepting what people say.

Whereever Nusra got their weapons and advisers from, fact seems to be that [US allies are fighting NATO with US supplied weapons](#).

Posted by: somebody | Sep 26 2016 15:11 utc | [31](#)

@jfl #88 ["Syria - Conflicting Reports" thread]:

I'm late to the Power piece because the UN version was flash, and I am no longer equipped to use flash.

The Duran has a new article with that Power's presentation on YouTube:

[Watch Samantha Power defend Al Qaeda and ISIS in Syria during her Security Council speech](#)

Her speech is certainly consistent with the hypothesis that the US can only fight this conflict defensively on the propaganda front now, now that Russia has shifted to resolving the conflict by military means in a decisive manner. That the US doesn't even hide that it is engaged in a propaganda war is revealed by the explicit reference to RT (!) by Powers:

You cannot carry out a massive military offensive and say you are for peace. That might work on Russia Today. But it doesn't work when the world has reams of evidence proving what Russia is doing.

It's hard to know what audience Powers is trying to reach in that speech. Other diplomats at the UN? US elites? The Western public? My guess is that this is just a feel-good measure by the Obama administration: we have to *do something*.

Posted by: [Demian](#) | Sep 26 2016 15:17 utc | [32](#)

@paul | Sep 26, 2016 10:54:12 AM | 26

Please go to Saka no one stopping you. Saka a **religious manic** daily freaking god. His sites are pro bono Donations for himself, the wife and kids take a break, vacation for his "hard" works.

Saka was one of my earliest supporters - from Ukraine debacles. Turn me off completely when he repeatedly used the bible, quoting chapters, verses and etc. to justify his logic reasons. Than, asked for donations. Anyone who happens to disagrees is a religion hater!

Posted by: Jack Smith | Sep 26 2016 15:20 utc | [33](#)

#28 / somebody: I think if an Al-Nusra leader was trying to get word to his troops, talking to a German journalist isn't the route he would bother to take.

b, thanks for translating and posting this. It's not absolutely verifiable but seems plausible that it's legit.

Posted by: WorldBLee | Sep 26 2016 15:22 utc | [34](#)

Petri@9
Thanks

Posted by: dan | Sep 26 2016 15:23 utc | [35](#)

@31 She's trying to shame the Russians and paint them as uncivilized. But it doesn't work. Hard to say who she's trying to reach but my sense is that most people in the West are happy to see Russians doing the dirty work.

Posted by: dh | Sep 26 2016 15:23 utc | [36](#)

@26, Paul.

But no, you folks are right. I should go over to Saker and open my mind to his hypnotic apologetics, right?

How about starting with basic situational awareness? But then again, that requires working with the facts and having some background in the business. I will repeat for the 100th time--until full (much larger than Syrian War) picture is considered no grasp of the situation in Syria is possible. Ukraine and Syria are two faces of the same coin. But then again, I have a hunch that I am wasting my time trying to explain to you basic facts.

Posted by: [SmoothieX12](#) | Sep 26 2016 15:28 utc | [37](#)

Interesting that RT thinks that now is a good time to bring up MH17 again:

[New Russian radar data shows no missile attack on MH17 from rebel side, indicates Ukraine involvement](#)

A main reason the humanitarian convoy attack instantly looked like a false flag to me was that it reminded me of MH17. This is just the knee-jerk response by the Empire: when things start going poorly for it militarily, launch a false flag against Russia.

Posted by: [Demian](#) | Sep 26 2016 15:36 utc | [38](#)

Posted by: WorldBLee | Sep 26, 2016 11:22:47 AM | 33

Not the Nusra leader but the people who have invested in his troops.

Posted by: somebody | Sep 26 2016 15:41 utc | [39](#)

Thank you for the translation. The Moon of Alabama rocks... sky high! :-)

This insightful interview is like a small but key piece of a complicated puzzle. It aloud the informed reader to connect the dots of other shattered information - hélas, I doubt it will be referred even in a lateral comment by the mainstream media in our beloved West.

I stand in the opposite side of "somebody" regarding the evaluation of Todenhöfer's interview to Al-Nusra leader, it seems to me pretty consistent and even has a net purpose from Nusra's viewpoint: disclosing its supports they are trying to commit them in open action instead of covert action.

This strategy, however, has a flaw: if governments support Nusra/Al-Qaeda covertly is not for lack of willing to do it openly, but because the people of their countries (with the exception of Israel, may be) would not accept this. That's the reason for US, GB and France governments to apply that schizophrenic politic - covered by the silence and the deception of Establishment media.

Greetings

Posted by: mario | Sep 26 2016 15:45 utc | [40](#)

NATO continues to expand. [Letter from the President -- Report to the Congress Regarding the Accession of Montenegro to the North Atlantic Treaty](#) (Sept. 22, 2016).

So all members of NATO are now obliged by treaty to go to war if anyone attacks Montenegro. Getting to look more and more like 1914.

Posted by: lysias | Sep 26 2016 15:47 utc | [41](#)

How very odd that this masked-man would sit down w/ a western journalist and virtually cut his own throat. If it's legit, everything he says will blow back on the US/Salafists politically, throw the light on of western support, and make toast of John McCain.

And how does this Jurgen get in and out so easily with his head still attached? Is he a radical Sunni? Doubt it seriously what w/ his Levis and black long-sleeved shirt. Probably a Christian, if he's from Germany. Either way, as a westerner he's the enemy to these Salafist head-choppers. So what do they get by spilling their guts to him?

This is not to say what the Nusra prick says is a lie; it sounds about right to all of us, eh? And it is content Assad/Putin want the world to hear, but content the US/Salafists want to keep the lid on.

Something smells funny.

Posted by: [Denis](#) | Sep 26 2016 16:08 utc | [42](#)

The funny part is that Russia (publication of the agreement) and Nusra claim the US have their back whilst the US deny both.

I would consider Nusra's ideology to be averse to US support.

Posted by: somebody | Sep 26 2016 16:24 utc | [43](#)

re 28

You and me knowing loads of Nusra leaders :-))

Oh I dunno. Not personally, obviously. But not difficult to know how they would talk. I think I've said it before, but years ago in 2005 I once spent a delightful evening reading a whole jihadi website, called Floojaweb. It was in the days before the SITE Intelligence Group prevented you from actually getting access to their sources, and I managed to get into one.

I didn't find anything Abu al-Ezz said surprising, from his point of view.

Posted by: Laguerre | Sep 26 2016 16:33 utc | [44](#)

Do we need further evidence of NATO nation support for Terrorism? I don't think so. If you agree, then you must cease paying tax and thus supporting terrorism--such support is illegal and immoral!!

Posted by: karlofi | Sep 26 2016 16:37 utc | [45](#)

On [538](#), Hillary's chances of winning have dropped to 51.8%.

Posted by: lysias | Sep 26 2016 16:43 utc | [46](#)

@29 woogs - agreed, and I'm sure this was one great strength of the article to b - the fact that it appears prominently in German media. Now the US will either challenge it as wrong or let it die down. To my mind if it goes unchallenged it shows that the US is powerless to challenge it.

But I don't think any of this is late or to no great purpose. The information war is still raging, and Russia has hit a serious tipping point recently, and its leverage has increased greatly. In the world, including in the west, it begins to look like we're seeing the alternative narrative gaining strength. These things are not obvious, and difficult to measure. But Russia will certainly continue with all of its counter-propaganda activities, and well it should. The tide is turning.

Posted by: Grieved | Sep 26 2016 16:52 utc | [47](#)

It is important to note that Netanyahu met with both jerkoffs the day before the big Clown Show on tv.

Netanyahu met privately with Trump for 90 minutes at Trump Tower in New York on Sunday morning. Netanyahu met with Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton for about 50 minutes Sunday evening.

Hillary was quick. She's already all in.

The Trump campaign released a summary of the GOP nominee's meeting with Netanyahu, which said in part, "Mr. Trump and the Prime Minister discussed the special relationship between America and Israel and the **unbreakable bond*** between the two countries. The topics of military assistance, security and regional stability were addressed."

*Unbreakable, Irrevocable bond as officially declared in writing by the US Congress.

Posted by: fast freddy | Sep 26 2016 16:52 utc | [48](#)

That seems our biggest question these days, what is the truth? The truth seems like a poll these days, well 200 million American believe it, it's TRUE! We said it 500 times it must be true. You called your killing of 62 Syrians surrounded by Daesh a mistake, so give us the list of people who got fired for making such an awful mistake. Like 9-11, where is the list of those fired? Yet our skepticism is met with, how dare you doubt our moral integrity, in reality shame on those who don't doubt! I went back and watched this German's interview of Assad, my gosh Assad seems too sweet to be a leader in that part of the world! As for Samantha is there any doubt that her name will cease to be used for new born children?

Posted by: john dahl | Sep 26 2016 16:53 utc | [49](#)

Sputnik published a short item regarding this interview but didn't link to the original or provide many excerpts, although it's the top item on its homepage, now having just under 4000 views, <https://sputniknews.com/middleeast/20160926/1045713159/us-nusra-tow-missiles.html> I wonder how it was treated at its other language sites? Hmmm... Most I can understand have an

even shorter blurb, but that's far better than RT or TASS, neither of which have published anything about it--what a shame!!

Posted by: karlofi | Sep 26 2016 17:02 utc | [50](#)

Is 26 Paul from SoCal?

Posted by: Harry | Sep 26 2016 17:40 utc | [51](#)

somebody@11 - "...It does not really work this way. German demographics mean that there is hardly any youth unemployment and very low unemployment generally..."

I guess I was under a different impression, but good for the Germans in that case.

o/t: Could the German Red Cross consider sending a few hundred thousand cases of lice shampoo to the United States? There will be millions of us living in cardboard boxes under bridges and in abandon warehouses soon. The lice will be terrible and you know the U.S. Red Cross will be unprepared. Think of the children.

Posted by: PavewayIV | Sep 26 2016 18:00 utc | [52](#)

@b: 2 Small corrections below. I also saw other bizar constructions but it was the same in German and can be attributed to the interview itself. Nice job by the way!

DE: "Sie waren früher mit uns, sie waren unsere Unterstützer."

EN(1): In the past they with us, they were our supporters.

EN(2): In the past they **were** with us, they were our supporters.

DE: "Das ist gültig für alle mit uns integrierten Gruppen, die unsere Verbündeten sind."

EN(1): "The applies to all our integrated groups, who are our allies."

EN(2): "**This applies to all the groups integrated with us**, who are our allies."

(Anyway, "The" should definitely become "This")

Posted by: gyevr | Sep 26 2016 18:21 utc | [53](#)

fast freddy@47 - *"Mr. Trump and the Prime Minister discussed the special relationship between America and Israel and the unbreakable bond* between the two countries"* (likewise with Clinton)

Consider: [81% of Americans Oppose \\$38 Billion Pledge to Israel](#) - Would redirect to caring for vets, education and lowering national debt.

I will vote for either candidate that at least acknowledges that they are intentionally ignoring the will of 81% of the population of the U.S. regarding Israeli 'aid' and instead deferring to the will of Israeli-firster traitors in the U.S. Congress and Bibi Netanyahu. In other words, I will not be voting. I no longer consent to our freakshow of a voting process and corrupt political parties that can produce such candidates.

Posted by: PavewayIV | Sep 26 2016 18:23 utc | [54](#)

11

Germany's low unemployment is because the EURO structure which keeps Germany's currency undervalued and greece, spain, italy's currency overvalued. Germany's low unemployment comes at the expense of high unemployment in greece, spain, italy.

Posted by: genius | Sep 26 2016 18:35 utc | [55](#)

@fast freddy | Sep 26, 2016 12:52:08 PM | 47

Came across the shocking news today. Trump maybe taking incoherence rubbish earlier, but now he took real...

Hmmmm..

Changing my vote to Jill Stein. May needs to change No Party Preference (NPP) to Green Party. will check it out tomorrow at City Hall.

Posted by: Jack Smith | Sep 26 2016 18:39 utc | [56](#)

the trouble with Deutsche Bank signals that Germany's economy is nearing collapse

Posted by: genius | Sep 26 2016 18:40 utc | [57](#)

Posted by: PavewayIV | Sep 26, 2016 2:00:16 PM | 51

Frankly, the US seem to be doing alright economically. Even better than Germany.

There seems to be a huge [equality and solidarity problem](#) I would consider cultural.

Germany's social standards have deteriorated steadily with neoliberalism but hunger ("food insecurity") is not (yet) an issue, thanks to volunteers working food banks. Though kids do get a raw deal if parents cannot cope.

Posted by: somebody | Sep 26 2016 18:56 utc | [58](#)

PBS, May 2014.

Syrian Rebels describe US-backed training in Qatar - okie dokie! cool! (one ex.)

[link](#)

Pravda, Sept. 2016 (not the original, see sources, links in article)

Nobody believes in it (/US training/) everyone on the ground knows they are jihadis. US Special forces hate their Syria mission.

[link](#)

Question: the posted interview seems to imply that IS - Al Q type actors have an independent, 'organic' position, ideology, long-term aim and strategy.

I always took them for a bunch of mercenaries - i.e. paid for (from 150 dollars to 700 dollars a month), armed, and supported in other ways. Of course, other sources of revenue are available when territory is held.

One characteristic of mercenaries: when no longer paid, they de-camp, go home, no longer participate as they have no stake. Alternatively, they sell themselves elsewhere.

Posted by: Noirette | Sep 26 2016 19:12 utc | [59](#)

paul | Sep 26, 2016 10:54:12 AM | 27

Calling the war in Syria a civil war is pretty much a total lie. It is a proxy war. Proxy wars have been the bread and butter of US foreign policy for decades.

Nah, it has elements of both, a civil war and a proxy war. The United States has a history of intervening in civil wars on the more reactionary/conservative side. It started with Greece back in 1946 when the United States and Great Britain intervened against the Communists, while Stalin stayed out under an agreement with Churchill and became angry with Tito of Yugoslavia because he

did intervene. It continued through numerous other wars such as Korea and Vietnam. So this is a hybrid civil/proxy war.

Posted by: Ghostship | Sep 26 2016 19:21 utc | [60](#)

So Bellingcat is showing a "Russian bomb" in the rubble as proof. And it's the same model as what [Ukraine was caught selling to the Gov of Qatar late 2015](#).

b, will you do a writeup on this? I've seen it in comments sections but afaik no blog has taken it on.

Posted by: sejomoje | Sep 26 2016 19:27 utc | [61](#)

By the way, I love his sense of entitlement, that Europe should fight on his side so that he can go on to invade Europe.

Perhaps that's why the Americans emasculated the Serbs and so many refugees have been allowed into Germany, so that when the jhadists do invade Europe, our forward defenses can no longer fight and our military-industrial power will just roll over, and America will have a lot less competition in Eurasia.

Bugger, I knew I should have kept my tinfoil hat on.

Posted by: Ghostship | Sep 26 2016 19:31 utc | [62](#)

"...Originally "IS" and us were one group. But "IS" was used in the interests of big states like America, for political reasons, and was steered away from our principles. It became clear to us that most of their leaders work with secret security services..."

Well, if nothing else, my constant conspiratorial claims of 'fake ISIS' have now been vindicated by non other than a commander of al Nusra. Thank you, Abu al-Ezz. I tip my tin-foil hat to you.

Posted by: PavewayIV | Sep 26 2016 19:36 utc | [63](#)

b, Sorrie for OT. Your readers need to know latest news.

21st Century Wire on White Helmets

SHOUT! POLL: Do the 'White Helmets' Qualify for a Nobel Peace Prize?

Please vote, NO! thanks.

<http://21stcenturywire.com/2016/09/25/shout-poll-do-the-white-helmets-qualify-for-a-nobel-peace-prize/>

CANADA: NDP Supporting White Helmets for Nobel Prize is a Serious Mistake! ~ Open Letter Written by John Ryan, Ph.D

<http://21stcenturywire.com/2016/09/26/canada-ndp-supporting-white-helmets-for-nobel-prize-is-a-serious-mistake-open-letter-written-by-john-ryan/>

CANADA: White Helmets should NOT be Nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize ~ Open Letter from Hamilton Coalition to Stop the War

<http://21stcenturywire.com/2016/09/26/canada-white-helmets-should-not-be-nominated-for-the-nobel-peace-prize-open-letter-from-hamilton-coalition-to-stop-the-war/>

Posted by: Jack Smith | Sep 26 2016 19:52 utc | [64](#)

Jack Smith - is English your first language?

Posted by: pm | Sep 26 2016 19:53 utc | [65](#)

@42 denis, 'How very odd that this masked-man would sit down w/ a western journalist and virtually cut his own throat.'

That certainly seems to be odd to me as well. Why is he telling the truth? Is he bragging of his invincibility, given the support of the great satan? Of his ju-jitsu fu, using the power of the enemy to defeat it? That has been al-CIAduh's self-proclaimed forte since the day.

And how about the German paper? Why are they publishing this truth-telling emir of al-CIAduh? NATO will not be amused. Is this the great awakening in Cologne? The end of the US dictated regime?

'We were able to exactly research the identity of the man and know practically everything about him.' Well I guess they're going to tell us 'all about him', then? Surely they'll be questioned? Surely that is an invitation to ask?

Interested to see how this plays out over the next few weeks. Or if, instead, it will be found in retrospect after a few weeks that this never happened, not have played at all? Just as the stint the USAF played on the 17th as the ISAF is now seen never to have happened, and instead the Russians have been discovered as [War Criminals](#).

It does seem that people in the audience are being required to line up behind 'the news' according to belief. And to vote with that belief for Tinkerbelle to live, or for her evil twin.

Posted by: jfl | Sep 26 2016 20:10 utc | [66](#)

B,

"Aloush fights with the al-Nusra Front." You mean Jayesh al Islam? Aloush people? Alush was their military leader killed in Dec. 2015.

Posted by: Jean | Sep 26 2016 20:16 utc | [67](#)

re 55

Germany's low unemployment is because the EURO structure which keeps Germany's currency undervalued and greece, spain, italy's currency overvalued

No, no, no. Germany keeps the value of the Euro high, because that is the German tradition. That is why there is a problem for greece, spain, italy, who normally devalue regularly, to cover their deficit.

Posted by: Laguerre | Sep 26 2016 20:24 utc | [68](#)

@64 js

I think the White Helmets should be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Turn that stinky award for fraud into the albatross that it is, the wreath 'honoring' profanation and fraud wrapped round the necks of people like Barack Obama and the White Helmets. Maybe Bibi will be in the running this year? He'd be the one to steal the White Hats' prize.

When will the few, the real, peaceful past recipients throw their Nobels over the fence? Too late, I suppose. Most are dead already. MLK Jr. would already have thrown his over the fence by now, I feel sure. Lê Đức Thọ, who could distinguish marketing from performance, was a man of honor.

@54 PW, 'I will not be voting.'

C'mon PW, can you really accept that the only 'real' vote is one cast for the elephant or the jackass? Pick one of the others and add a vote to the 'other' total. A shameful 1.6% in 2012. It will make a difference whether you do or no. Not to vote is to give it up, is not to show, is to forfeit to the animals in the zoo. To let them continue absolutely unopposed. No-shows have put and kept us where we are today, every bit as much as the zoophiles have. Show up and say no, instead.

Posted by: jfl | Sep 26 2016 20:44 utc | [69](#)

Obama - terrorist number 1 - buying time for his jihadi proxies, and buying time till Hillary Clinton gets in office.

How much credit that Obama doesn't deserve for protecting and waiting for Hitler to be POTUS. It's a tag off

No difference with Trump - especially with James fucking Cooney - CIA terrorist - as his advisor.

No difference.

Posted by: tom | Sep 26 2016 20:45 utc | [70](#)

@5 TheRealDonald

I have no idea what Trump's position actually is. However, he was honored with a visit from Binyamin Meilikowsky on Sunday, after which Trump affirmed he supported Israel's view that Jerusalem would continue to be Israel's undivided capital. I am not fully up to date with official US FP on this, but I am pretty sure this statement totally undermines it. His ME advisors are Israel-Firsters as are those of Clinton.

<http://mondoweiss.net/2016/09/clinton-trump-netanyahu/>

Posted by: Yonatan | Sep 26 2016 21:11 utc | [71](#)

It's a race, isn't it, to keep things going until Hillary gets in. What happens if she does is another question. Instant war, who knows? Reagan, who promised that, didn't in the end. Faced with facts, people tend to hold back. Who knows with Clinton? Trump would be more inclined to hold back.

Posted by: Laguerre | Sep 26 2016 21:19 utc | [72](#)

An update to my post @50.

RT now has its own article and video link up on its main page regarding this interview, <https://www.rt.com/news/360690-us-arms-nusra-syria/> while Sputnik has taken its down. TASS remains silent, however. Meanwhile, the Outlaw US Empire DoS is in damage control denial mode lying yet again about supplying al-Qaeda, while the DoW at the Pentagon remains silent, <https://sputniknews.com/middleeast/20160926/1045725253/us-denies-providing-tow-nusra-front.html>

Posted by: karlof1 | Sep 26 2016 21:21 utc | [73](#)

Demian | Sep 26, 2016 11:36:47 AM | 38

Interesting that RT thinks that now is a good time to bring up MH17 again

It's a ploy to keep Bellingcat busy elsewhere so he can't start putting out his propaganda on what is happening in Aleppo now.

Posted by: Ghostship | Sep 26 2016 21:26 utc | [74](#)

karlof1 | Sep 26, 2016 1:02:34 PM | 50

Most I can understand have an even shorter blurb, but that's far better than RT or TASS, neither of which have published anything about it--what a shame!!

Second [story on rt now](#) with link to video on Facebook - no English translation yet.

Posted by: Ghostship | Sep 26 2016 21:30 utc | [75](#)

Posted by: Laguerre | Sep 26, 2016 4:24:33 PM | 68

That's what was said just explained differently. Most goods are priced the same throughout the Euro Zone but the cost of services, labour and real estate can vary greatly. So one Euro in Germany does not get you very far but in some European countries you might drink a cup of coffee in a restaurant.

Southern Europe used to compete by devaluing. Now the only way to compete are lower Euro wages and taxes.

In theory all jobs should go to cheap Eastern European workers. Low German unemployment is mainly demographic.

Posted by: somebody | Sep 26 2016 21:41 utc | [76](#)

If we take this interview as genuine, which it seems to be at present, it means there is another game happening.

Jabat al Nusra leader specifically exposing its backers, minus one, and the interview published in German mainstream news.

We also know that Israel is working closely with AQ in south west Syria, yet they were not named as backers.

Posted by: Peter AU | Sep 26 2016 21:49 utc | [77](#)

jfl@69 - *"...Not to vote is to give it up, is not to show, is to forfeit to the animals in the zoo..."*

I no longer consent to be represented, taxed, or governed by the psychopaths in D.C. I will simply obey under the jackboot's threats of imprisonment or death for me and my family if I don't. Vote if you think they care. It's a charade and broken tool that I'm tired of using in a futile effort to 'fix' anything. It does not send a message to them because they are not listening.

Posted by: PavewayIV | Sep 26 2016 21:54 utc | [78](#)

From Syrianperspective

SCRAPING ZIONISTS OFF CAVE WALLS says:
September 24th, 2016 at 10:54 PM [Level 1 - Novice]

War is an unpredictable situation.

Sometimes even modest household skills come in handy too!

In a war situation it is impossible to find a housewife with good household maintenance skills just roaming around the battlefield waiting to be assigned to a task, so there are some household related stuff that every skilled combatant has to learn to do by him/herself!

In case you have been suffered a disastrous Kal!br missile attack in your hideout and you seem that you don't have enough skills to dislodge whole or just parts of your favorite combat palls off the cave walls, the following guide may help.

HOW TO SCRAPE OFF YOUR FAVORITE C1A, M16, MO\$\$AD OFF CAVE WALLS.

There's no magic chaemical or spray that will remove agents from walls. It just takes lots of elbow grease or what we call around at my town "a good old-fashioned Scrub A Rama." In a nutshell, you have to scrub the C1A, M16 and Mo\$\$ad remains off with a brush, but the trick is to find an approach that's strong enough to remove the agent but not so strong that it damages your brick or paint in your cave.

Of course, smooth brick or siding walls is going to be much easier to clean than textured brick or stone. Depending on your situation, you may not be able to erase every strand, but you can certainly improve the overall appearance.

C1A, M16, Mo\$\$\$ad Removal Tips

To tackle this job at your bombarded HQ, follow these tips:

Removing the C1A agent: When removing the agent, pull its remains VERY gently off the walls, not worrying about the tissue that break and stay stuck. If the explosion was too powerful and the agents have stuck inside the cracks, you don't want to damage your mortar or siding by yanking too hard.

Don't yank the Yanks too hard! Get it?

Removing the M16 and Mo\$\$\$ad agent: Use similar procedure as above but pull stuck agents more gently from cave surfaces, walls, floors and ceilings. These ones are trickier and they tend to scatter all over the place.

Don't Procrastinate: As I found with my cave, over time the agents will harden and be nearly impossible to remove. The sooner you can clean your brick from the agents, the better.

Scraping: Start by using a wooden or plastic scraper to work loose any whole that the agents that are still attached, being careful not to damage the surface.

Scrubbing: Once you're down to just the hairy tendrils, it's time for the scrub brush. Start with a nylon household scrubber and work loose as much dried material as you can – it will crumble better if the brush is dry. If there are still agent remains remaining, try loosening them with water and mild detergent. If the scrub brush isn't doing the job, try progressing to a stiffer brush, or a scrubbing sponge. The stiffer the brush, the more likely you are to damage your wall in your cave HQ, so take it easy! Test out your brush in an inconspicuous spot, to be sure it doesn't scratch the surface.

Torching: If all else fails and you have a brick or masonry wall, you can try using a propane torch to burn away the remaining agents remains. This has a chance of scorching your brick, so test it first. Be sure to wear goggles and keep the flame away from wood or flammable materials.

Read more at <http://syrianperspective.com/2016/09/handaraat-camp-liberated-by-saa-and-palestinians-forces-allied-to-government-600-rodents-surrender-and-become-human-in-suwaydah-terrorists-defensive-lines-collapse-in-aleppo-city-important-gains.html#UAIhIvgFj9ZoJIsk.99>

Posted by: pm | Sep 26 2016 21:55 utc | [79](#)

karlof1 73

I noticed in one Sputnik article on MH17 that primary radar data had been "discovered" and has been sent, along with other evidence to the official investigation.

I would guess there is some importance to the "discovery" of the primary radar data at this point. Russia seems to be playing its cards carefully and with purpose.

Posted by: Peter AU | Sep 26 2016 22:17 utc | [80](#)

Re 76

That's what was said just explained differently. Most goods are priced the same throughout the Euro Zone but the cost of services, labour and real estate can vary greatly. So one Euro in Germany does not get you very far but in some European countries you might drink a cup of coffee in a restaurant.

Not that I would really disagree, but you as a German don't notice that the policy of the high Deutschmark or Euro is being maintained, in relation to other currencies. It doesn't bother me in France. But the policy of a high value of the currency, in relation to the outside, does affect the European South, where devaluations are a standard way of covering deficits.

Posted by: Laguerre | Sep 26 2016 22:24 utc | [81](#)

re 78

I no longer consent to be represented, taxed, or governed by the psychopaths in D.C.

Not that I have much right to say, not having voted for many years, being excluded from elections in my native country, but I would have thought that it was more logical to vote for a losing third candidate, such as Johnson or Stein, than not to vote at all. At least something is said.

Posted by: Laguerre | Sep 26 2016 22:42 utc | [82](#)

PM @ 79:

I'm sure Bayer-Monsanto would have a spray that can be squirted onto the walls to dissolve the remains of the CIA / MI6 / Mossad agent which can then be wiped or hosed off the walls.

Of course you'd have to wear a gas mask and thick gloves while applying the spray but then you'd have to wear those anyway while trying to remove the agent with scraper and scrubbing brush.

Posted by: Jen | Sep 26 2016 22:50 utc | [83](#)

Posted by: Peter AU | Sep 26, 2016 5:49:06 PM | 77

Israel is included in Part 1 as an ally as al Nusra al Ciada opposes Hezbollah. And in the 2nd answer in Part 2:

No, the missiles were give directly to us. They were delivered to a certain group. When the "road" was closed and we were besieged we had officers here from Turkey, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Israel and the United States.

Posted by: MadMax2 | Sep 26 2016 23:06 utc | [84](#)

On voting 3rd party: Vote counting is a clandestine act. The tally men would never let on that a significant number of third party votes were cast. For all we know, the third party vote has already been as high as 5 percent. You think they're going to disclose the real numbers? Please. They escorted Jill Stein from the parking lot at the college. The cops were waiting for her. A presidential candidate on ballots in 45 states.

There are so many ways to cheat. No need to go over them here.

Posted by: fast freddy | Sep 26 2016 23:14 utc | [85](#)

thanks b... relevant if true, and it probably is.. anything to confirm many of the moa posters bias!

@ 61 sejomoje.. looks like you haven't read this [knock out](#) on bellinccat yet..

yet another thread turned into a "'as the stomach turns" amerikkkan election not stop rant..

Posted by: james | Sep 26 2016 23:35 utc | [86](#)

@pm | Sep 26, 2016 3:53:51 PM | 65

What if I am and don't I have the same right to express my views and opinions freely as everyone else?

ad hominem. G'day :-)

Posted by: Jack Smith | Sep 26 2016 23:37 utc | [87](#)

You are right. So if the interview is genuine, who's game is this? Some entity is behind getting it into German MSM.

Posted by: Peter AU | Sep 26 2016 23:51 utc | [88](#)

Peter AU--80

Russia probably has a large cache of such evidence it's reserving for particular moments when it senses the tide of the Propaganda Battle has flowed its way, as is now the case. What's most difficult for me to ascertain is the sway such evidence is having on global public opinion--especially in EU.

When I crossposted this to SyrPers, a comment was given about the tabloid nature of the publication--that it's not major media. However, if it's like tabloids here inside the Empire, they're displayed at the checkout stand of every grocery store, their headlines screaming for all to read, which leads to these questions: How is this story displayed in the print version and where is it displayed for Germans to see? The HRC health question is one issue that everyone who buys food is aware of, as was the political failure to indict, both of which led to gains for Trump, and stands as one example of such "news broadcasting."

Anyway. The SAA and allies continue to make good progress elsewhere, one area of interest being the concerted attempt to gain ground in the Golan Heights, which has been hit and miss, but does provoke the Zionists to intervene in support of their terrorist allies, which is then widely publicized. The greater Damascus region is almost 100% terrorist free, as is Homs. And ultimately in Aleppo, the terrorist's fate is already sealed just as the German's at Stalingrad, the combat being slow, brutal, grinding, which is why all the NATOites are screaming. Note how they remained silent through every terrorist bombing of civilians over the past 5 years, yet now they cry and bluster!

Posted by: karlofi | Sep 26 2016 23:54 utc | [89](#)

US officials are now openly discussing supplying new weapons (i.e. MANPADS). "The opposition has a right to defend itself and they will not be left defenseless in the face of this indiscriminate bombardment."

McCain and Graham call for war against Syria and Russia: "They must be compelled, and that requires power,"

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/reuters/article-3808902/Gulf-arm-rebels-Syria-truce-dead-U-S-officials.html>

Posted by: jayc | Sep 26 2016 23:58 utc | [90](#)

I've been mulling over this interview for a few hours. Why reveal this? And why now?

Wasn't it in July that NYTimes first acknowledged that the Syrian conflict was a "CIA proxy war"? And now this "interview" which seems to be a very deliberate message. And of course, Obama warned/threatened Russia that it risked a "quagmire" in Syria about one year ago.

So, my best guess is that the exposure is *not* to embarrass the US but to sanctify al Nusra as the *new* mujaheddin vs. evil Empire (Russia). This return of the 1980's morality play prompts/frees the US and Assad *must go!* allies to be more directly involved. Not in combat, but in supplying sophisticated arms, training, etc.

WaPo has described the US view: *Syria/Russia have chosen war over a political solution*. But Russia has made it clear: Syria is strategic AND they would not shy away from a fight if they thought that war was inevitable anyway.

No doubt ISIS will still be useful in other ways, but in Syria al Nusra holy warriors now take center stage.

Posted by: [Jackrabbit](#) | Sep 27 2016 0:00 utc | [91](#)

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Based on his many interviews, Ajamu Baraka sounds like a smart and well grounded fella, and he is Jill's running mate. If I could vote, I'd feel comfortable giving her & him my vote, if only as a protest vote (they won't exceed 4% all up, but it'd be good to keep them growing).

Not a US citizen so no real concerns about these elections though - it feels too much like a WWE match between overt Deep State (H Clinton) and covert Deep State (D Trump).

Posted by: Quadriad | Sep 27 2016 0:01 utc | [92](#)

@jfl | Sep 26, 2016 4:44:33 PM | 69

Have you forgotten we have a White Helmet in the White House now - protecting and keeping us safe? If the White House and White Helmets able to imposed no a fly zone on SAA and Russia in Syria, all atrocities and brutality will end immediately?

b and jfl, maybe, just maybe we are on the wrong side?

Posted by: Jack Smith | Sep 27 2016 0:06 utc | [93](#)

@78 PW, 'Vote if you think they care ... they are not listening.'

It's not about sending a message to the deaf, dumb, and blind it's about sending a message to ourselves ... demonstrating to those of us like yourself who have sullenly gone to our rooms and slammed the door that there are enough of us simply to seize power ... if we want to organize and do so.

@85 ff, 'The tally men would never let on that a significant number of third party votes were cast. '

We do treasure our imagined impotence so dearly, don't we? We shift omnipotence, and with it all responsibility, to the great Oz in the sky, and so grant ourselves license to avoid taking even the simplest of actions in resistance.

@86 james

only 42 more days to go, your 6 months of complaint are near their end

Posted by: jfl | Sep 27 2016 0:25 utc | [94](#)

And where does German industry stand? They took some hits through the sanctions on Russia. Also VW took a big hit with the emission scandal in the US, a week or so after opening an engine plant in Russia that was to supply engines to Europe.

Would German industry or some of, be a player separate from the German government?

Posted by: Peter AU | Sep 27 2016 0:28 utc | [95](#)

@jayc | Sep 26, 2016 7:58:54 PM | 90

What was written exactly the opposites from alternate media, a load of trash? If MSM and warmongers continue the current trend, we will have WW3 no doubt about it. Ask myself immediately, will China remain neutral or join Russia?

I'm not joking, 2 nations against vastly superior and massive firepower from all angles?

Posted by: Jack Smith | Sep 27 2016 0:30 utc | [96](#)

@40, mario 'if governments support Nusra/Al-Qaeda covertly it's not for lack of willing to do it openly, but because the people of their countries (with the exception of Israel, may be) would not accept this. '

I think that's still correct, although outrage at US/NATO support of IS/al-Qaeda does seem to be eroding. At about an hour and fifty minutes into [The Carter, Dunford, McCain show](#), my paraphrase ...

Lee:

Saudi Arabia. Yemen. The Houthis are fighting al-CIAduh. Is al-CIAduh still regarded as a threat to US security?

Carter:

We continue to watch al-CIAduh and to protect ourselves from al-CIAduh.

Lee:

But we're fighting the Houthis, who are also al-CIAduh's enemies. Is this a mistake?

Carter:

We're still anti-al-CIAduh. Dunford?

Dunford:

We are definitely anti-al-CIAduh.

Followed by icy silence. Carter and Dunford squirm about. Then McCain pipes in ...

McCain:

Are the Houthis sponsored by the Iranians?

Carter:

They are certainly assisted by the Iranians.

These guys are instinctively hyper-allergic to any mention of support for al Qaeda - 'the villains of 9/11'. It would be good to see them squirm in response to ...

Jürgen Todenhöfer:

How is the relation between you and the United States? Does the U.S. support the rebels?

Abu (al Nusra/al Qaeda) al-Ezz:

Yes, the U.S. support the opposition ... it is through the American "TOW" that we have the situation in some regions under control ...

Jürgen Todenhöfer:

Were those missiles first given to the Free Syrian Army by the U.S. and from there to you?

Abu al-Ezz:

No, the missiles were give directly to us.

... and all the rest as well.

Posted by: jfl | Sep 27 2016 0:58 utc | [97](#)

Definitely something for everyone here ...

Abu al-Ezz, commander, says about Jabhat al-Nusra (al-Qaeda): "We are one part of al-Qaeda. Our principles are: Fighting vice, pureness and security. ... Our aim is the downfall of the dictatorial regime, the tyrannical regime, the regime of the apostate. Our aim is the conduct of conquests, like [the great Arab general] Khaled ibn al-Walid made them. First in the Arab world and then in Europe."

NEW BALKANS CONFLICT? - "ДА!" Serbian referendum Outrages NATO and Al Qaeda

Other evidence that the situation in this region is not stable, is that the primary threat to the Republika Srpska's security forces as understood by these forces, is the Bosnian military itself.

NATO and Gulf Monarchies have also prepared their own paramilitary forces in Bosnia, parallel to the military. These are primarily fighting in ISIS and Al-Nusra brigades, but the facilities to raise and recruit these fighters are inside of Bosnia.

The largest Al Qaeda/ISIS training camp west of Istanbul is located today in Bosnia. The largest indigenous European ethno-religious group to be involved in the Libya and Syrian wars, are Bosniaks. Bosniaks were originally, primarily, Serbian children taken by Ottoman conquerors from their parents to join the Janissary Army and adopt the religion of Islam. The language spoken by Bosniaks today is still Serbian. They remain, generally speaking, phenotypically indistinguishable from Serbians - the main differences between the two people being primarily religious and historical.

But the historical ties between Bosnian Muslims and powers like Turkey continue to this day. Western media reported the Tuzla protest movement while excluding mention of Saudi and Turkish backed groups involved in the main organizing. Organizing work on the ground was done primarily by the largest 'moderate' Islamist party in Bosnia, the SDA.

Significant funding from Gulf Monarchies and the EU's Jean-Claude Juncker's European People's Party, of which they are a member org, goes to the Party for Democratic Action, or SDA, the 'right-wing' social conservative (Sharia), pro-EU and Islamist political party, and the largest in Bosniak party of Bosnia.

In this sense, the intersection of pro-NATO, pro-EU and Islamist religious movements posing as progressive center-left, can be said to mirror the political-media strategy used in Libya with the TNC, with the Syrian Democratic Transitional Council and the FSA.

Posted by: jfl | Sep 27 2016 1:36 utc | [98](#)

Some info about context:

The newspaper is pretty much a local one, it has an average reputation and is very rarely quoted by other media. It is somewhat close to the Social Democratic Party, whose leader some days ago suggested that his party could organize peace rallies for Syria in front of US and Russian embassies.

My translation: Parts of German political and economic elite are getting nervous. Had hoped for real agreement between Russia and US, now see risk of real escalation, plus uncertainty due to US elections.

cf. German economy, I can only confirm what @somebody wrote. Thanks to the cheap Euro, low interest and mostly stagnant wages, export has been booming; lately local sales also picking up and construction going through the roof. No problem at all to absorb 1 million+ refugees and offer at least part of them work in the medium term. All this at the expense of southern and eastern Europe of course, from where young people flock to Berlin and western Germany.

Posted by: smuks | Sep 27 2016 1:41 utc | [99](#)

When your printing a trillion dollars a year of course your economy is going to look strong. Let me know how it looks when you stop printing and your tens of trillions of dollars in debt.

Posted by: BraveNewWorld | Sep 27 2016 2:19 utc | [100](#)

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